1	2	3	4
31.	Nagaland	.50	Constituted
32.	Sikkim	.50	
33.	Tripura	1.50	Constituted
	TOTAL :	128.5	

Revival of Cement Industry

. 461. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cement plants/factories functioning in the country, State-wise, particularly in Gujarat;

(b) the present average production capacity of these plants/factories;

. (c) the number of plants/factories, out of these, which have been closed and those on the verge of closure alongwith the reasons for closure of those plants/factories; and

(d) the steps taken by Government for revival of such plants/ factories?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN SINGH): (a) and (b) There-are 124 large cement plants functioning in the country. The details of average production capacity of these plants is given in the Annexure. (See Appendix 197 Annexure No. 5)

(c) Seventeen large cement plants are reported to be not in production due to various reasons such as technological obsolescence and economic non-viability.

(d) The Government has taken a number of steps for revival of sick industrial units including those reported on the verge of closure. These, *inter-alia,* include guidelines of Reserve Bank of India to Banks, amalgamation of sick units with healthy units and setting up of Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) under Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act.